(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this particular case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item basically brings out the problems being faced by Shri Jaidev Sharma (91 year old) and his wife Smt. Saraswati Devi (86 year old) and how they have been displaced from their own home and how they have been physically and mentally abused by their own children. The news-item also mentions about a Court case pending in Delhi High Court regarding the property dispute.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has set up AADHAR as a Secretariat of National Council for Older Persons which also receives grievances of older persons and taken necessary follow up action to reduce the grievances. Helpline for older persons is also being funded by the Ministry at Delhi which is being run by a NGO called Agewell Fundation. In addition, Ministry is also assisting various NGOs in the form of Grant-in-aid for opening and running of Old Age Homes and Day Care Centres all over the country.

Modernisation of IPH, Delhi

†113. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a four and half year course in physiotherapy is being run by Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi through Delhi University;

(b) if so, whether basic facilities for high class training, clinical duty and laboratory have been assembled by the institution in the context of changed situations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, by when all necessary and basic facilities will be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Degree courses in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy of 4-1/2 duration each are being run by the Institute for the Physically Handicapped, affiliated with Delhi University.

(b) to (d) The Institute has the basic facilities for providing rehabilitation services and conducting short-term and long-term training programmes.

Implementation of Disability Act, 1995

114. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have not yet implemented the Disability Act, 1995 in employment and education; and

(b) the action taken to review and identify posts that can be reserved for disabled persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 has come into force w.e.f. 7.2.1996. The Act requires the appropriate government and the local authorities to ensure access to free education to children with disabilities, provide for integration of such children in normal schools, promote the setting up of special schools where necessary and equip special schools with facilities for vocational training. The Act also provides for 3% reservation in admission in government run and aided educational institutions. As regards the provisions relating to employment, the Act *inter alia* casts obligation on the appropriate government to provide reservation of